

## **Preliminary Draft**

### **Board of Police Commission Regular Meeting December 17, 2013**

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Monz, Spader, Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin, and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: All Present

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the November 26, 2013 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for October 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

1. A letter was received from Sergeant Antonio DePascale thanking the Police Commission for their approval of sick time extension. Sergeant DePascale has since recovered and returned to duty.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman inquired about the declining of traffic enforcement statistics. He stated he wants an increase in motor vehicle activity, especially cell phone violations.

#### Chief's Report

The Chief reported that the spike in the overtime line is related to the traffic protection for the leaf removal.

The new police car bids will be opened on 12/18/2013 and the Department is seeking one Dodge Charger and two Ford Utility Interceptors.

The Chief reported that meetings with the Superintendent of Schools have been ongoing to phase out the DARE Program and to develop a new program that is tailored to target the Middle School students. Many communities, such as West Haven, have done something similar. The Chairman wants the Commission to be informed of these meetings and he questioned the need to stop the DARE program. Both the Chief and Deputy Chief commented that studies have shown there is no empirical evidence that the DARE program is effective. Also discussed was the accessibility these students have to technology and social media that is driving new concerns for our young people, including

providing them with greater exposure to newer illicit drugs and home-made manufacturing techniques.

The Chief does not believe that focusing drug awareness at the fifth grade level is effective and we should be concentrating our resources on the Middle School age student. The Deputy Chief encouraged the Commission to read the published studies pertaining to the DARE program. The Commission will provide input and approval for the new structure of the drug education program.

Chief reported that Officer Chris Spose and Ralph Rienzo have recently completed Accident Reconstruction training. The Department now has three certified accident reconstructionist.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:10 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by Deputy Chief Mulhern

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Board of Police Commission  
Executive Session  
December 17, 2013

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Spader, Monz and Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin, and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: All present.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police